

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Presentation

AFFECTED DISTRICT: n/a

ITEM REQUEST: **Schedule for Council Meeting**

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN ROBERT BELIZAIRE FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE RESCUE EFFORTS IN HAITI.

REPORT IN BRIEF: Davie Fire Rescue Captain Robert Belizaire joined a search and rescue team coordinated by the Caring House Project Foundation to assist earthquake victims in Haiti. He is highly trained in Search and Rescue Techniques in addition to being fluent in Creole. His training and skills permitted him to help the rescue team communicate with disaster victims and provide the necessary medical attention to those who needed it the most. The rescue team successfully saved four victims from the rubble and debris of fallen buildings.

Captain Belizaire joined the Town of Davie Fire Rescue Department in 1996 and was promoted to Fire Captain in 2006. He currently works as on shift EMS Captain and as Acting Battalion Chief on shift. Captain Belizaire is a great example of the professionalism and pride of the Davie Fire Rescue Department.

The Town of Davie wishes to commend Captain Robert Belizaire for his efforts and actions.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

CONCURRENCES:

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account name and number:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account name and number will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Other -

Attachment(s): Commendation Letter



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Captain Robert Belizaire,

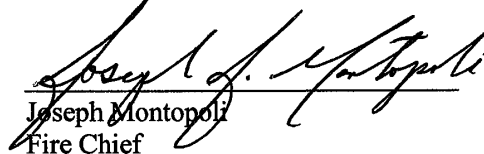
This letter of commendation is in recognition of commendable actions portrayed through the efforts you put forth in the rescue mission that was organized by the Care House Foundation, a non- profit organization which builds small communities in Haiti.

On January 14, 2010 you traveled to Port-au-Prince with a small group of volunteers to assist with the rescue effort in Haiti. Your objective was simple; provide assistance in search and rescue efforts. During your brief stay in Haiti you and the team were paired up with Peru's search and rescue team and were able to rescue 4 people in 2 days. The rescue team consisted of fire, military, and medical personnel. Your skill sets were invaluable to the team according to the Care House Foundation, as you are not only trained in search and rescue techniques but are also fluent in Creole. This was a great help to the team as you were able to translate and bridge the communication barrier of the team and the victims. In addition to the rescue efforts, the team was successful in delivering the much needed medical supplies which had been donated.

The actions you portrayed represents the Town of Davie and the Fire Rescue Department in a positive light and that becoming of an officer of your stature.

On behalf of the Town of Davie and the Davie Fire Rescue Department we are honored for the courage and life safety actions that you extended to Haiti during their time of need.

Thank you,


Joseph Montopoli
Fire Chief

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